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The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I have already said that the hon. Member will not be in order."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"I asked the Minister to give me definite information on that point, Sir. May I know why no deaths are reported during the term of the first six men ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I only find five men mentioned."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"There were six men. Deaths occurred after they left the place. I was also there. There were no deaths when they were there. It was when the change was introduced. . ."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I am afraid the hon. Member is exhausting all his materials." (Laughter.)

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"No, Sir. I have plenty still. I want certain facts so that the hon. Minister may come prepared to answer me. The hon. the Revenue Member cannot then say that the Minister had not sufficient notice. I want to know whether the deaths began to occur as a result of frequent changes in the staff."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"The hon. Member has asked for figures for three years 1926, 1927 and 1928 and these have been given. There is no indication in the question about the previous figures."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"Clause (*c*) of the question asks how many deaths under chloroform occurred during the term of each of them."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"And the answer is that the information is not available."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"The Minister said just now that there is no such question on paper." (Laughter.)

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I would point out to the hon. Member that when the Government say that the information is not available they mean that it is not available in the Secretariat. It is open to the hon. Member to ask whether the Minister will get the information."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"But, on the floor of the House, when the question is there staring him in the face, the Minister says that no such question is there."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"The hon. Member is probably referring to clause (*c*). He will see from the answer that no record is available as to the deaths which might have occurred then."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—"May I know what the Government is going to do in the matter of preventing deaths when under chloroform ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"If left to themselves they will consider the proposition and do what they are advised to do."

Proposed construction of the Ranipet Hospital.

*181 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the grant made by the Government for the construction of the Ranipet Hospital is ;

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(b) how far it is from Vellore ;

(c) whether there are two good up-to-date hospitals in Vellore, a Mission and a Government Hospital ;

(d) what is the population of Vellore ; and

(e) whether the Government consider that there is need for maintaining two hospitals within a raidus of a mile ?

A.—(a) The Government have sanctioned a grant of 20 per cent of the cost of constructing the hospital subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000.

(b) Eighteen miles.

(c) Yes.

(d) 50,210 as per census of 1921.

(e) Judging from the number of patients treated in the two hospitals (vide statement [a] attached), the Government consider that they meet a real want.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know what the necessity is to spend this large amount at a place where there are already two big hospitals ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The Government felt that there is need."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" I am not referring to the Vellore hospital. I am only referring to the Ranipet hospital which is only 18 miles from the Vellore hospital. The Missionaries are constructing a pukka building and the Government are contributing a huge amount. Where is the necessity for it ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The people there felt the necessity and the Government also are satisfied that there is necessity."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" Are the Government in possession of information that a patient, a minor boy in a school, suffering from double pneumonia was refused admission into this hospital ? "

The hon. the President :—" The Minister is not aware of it."

Admission of students in the Vizagapatam Medical School.

* 182 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) for how many students is accommodation available in the Vizagapatam Medical College ; and

(b) how many were admitted last year and how many were refused admission ?

A.—(a) Accommodation is available for an annual admission of 32 students.

(b) Thirty-two. No candidate was refused admission, but six of those originally selected did not join the College.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know why there is paucity of students in the Vizagapatam Medical College ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" All candidates who sought admission were admitted."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 411 infra.